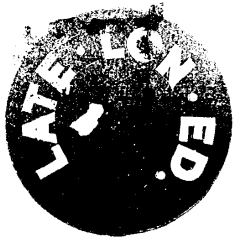


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CZECHS SAY 'NO' TO HITLER AS CABINET MEETS AT MIDNIGHT

CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS REJECTED THE DEMANDS OF HITLER FOR THE ANNEXATION OF HER TERRITORY AND THE PLUNDER OF HER PROPERTY.

While the Czechs were drafting their final refusal to accept the brutal terms demanded by Hitler, French and British statesmen met last night in Downing-street in a new effort to find a compromise.

M. Daladier and M. Bonnet saw the British "inner Cabinet" at nine o'clock. After the joint

THE KING PRAYS FOR PEACE

The King and Queen joined in a special prayer of intercession for peace at Divine Service yesterday in the private chapel of Buckingham Palace.

The Queen, who has twice deferred her return to Balmoral, has decided to remain in London until to-night.

She will then journey northwards with the King to launch the Cunard-White Star liner Queen Elizabeth in John Brown's shipyard on Clydebank to-morrow.

FRENCH ARMY CHIEF FOR LONDON

FRENCH Embassy said this morning that General Gamelin, French Commander-in-Chief, will travel to London to-day to join M. Daladier, French Premier, who is conferring with the British Cabinet.

General Gamelin will travel by air, but the time of his arrival is not yet known.

The exact purpose of his visit is not revealed, but it is thought that he will be available to join in the discussions with the British Ministers if necessary.

Hitler Speaks To-night

All Germans have been ordered to listen to a speech which Hitler will deliver at the Sports Palace in Berlin at eight o'clock to-night, it was announced in Berlin yesterday.

"The speech will be of historic significance," it was stated over the radio.

Mussolini declared at Vicenza, Northern Italy, yesterday that Italy had not yet taken any military measures.

talks had been in progress for two hours the rest of the British Cabinet assembled at midnight to hear the joint declaration of policy.

The French Ministers left at 12.44 a.m. and it was announced that the conversations will be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Ministers, the *Daily Mirror* Diplomatic Correspondent writes, decided on three things:

(1) To announce to Germany that the Anglo-French plan has been accepted by the Czechs, by Britain and France.

(2) To tell Hitler that the additional demands he made in his ultimatum cannot be accepted and must, if persisted in, lead to war.

(3) To demand the withdrawal of the German ultimatum.

(4) To make a new appeal to Hitler for a peaceful solution. In that appeal it will be pointed out that his major demands can be met without recourse to arms.

If Hitler refuses he will stand condemned in the eyes of the world.

A new Anglo-French compromise between the first demands and the new will be forwarded to Hitler to-day so that he can in his speech to-night modify his demands.

Czechoslovakia has made it clear that peace cannot be secured on Hitler's terms.

The demands, they say, are not only an invitation to suicide, but also to self-vivisection.

They would mean that a Czech peasant who refused German nationality must leave his lands and leave to the conqueror his fields, his cow and his plough. They would mean, too, the economic collapse of the nation and would leave Germans in complete control of all the strategic positions.

But the Czechs are not now alone in resisting Hitler. The French and British attitude has changed.

THE MEETING OF THE FRENCH CABINET YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY DE-

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MAD NAZI DEMANDS

HERE are Hitler's demands:-

"Reports, increasing in number from hour to hour regarding incidents in the Sudetenland, show that the situation has become completely intolerable for the Sudeten German people and, in consequence, a danger to the peace of Europe.

"It is therefore essential that the separation of the Sudetenland, agreed to by Czechoslovakia, should be effected without any further delay.

"On the attached map the Sudeten-German area which is to be ceded is shaded red. [They include every area with large German populations.] The areas in which the plebiscite is also to be held, over and above the areas to be occupied, are drawn in unshaded green.

"The final delimitation of the frontier must correspond to the wishes of those concerned. In order to determine these wishes, a certain period is necessary for the preparation of the plebiscite, during which disturbances must in all circumstances be prevented.

"A situation of parity must be created. The area designated on the attached map as a German area is to be occupied by Ger-

man troops without taking into account whether in the plebiscite they may prove to be in this or that part of an area with a Czech majority.

"On the other hand the Czech territory is to be occupied by Czech troops without taking into account whether within this area there lie large German language islands in which, in the plebiscite a majority will, without doubt, give expression to its German national feeling.

"With a view to bringing about an immediate and final solution of the Sudeten German problem the following proposals are submitted by the German Government:

"(1) Withdrawal of the whole Czech armed forces, police, gendarmerie, Customs officials and the frontier guards from the area to be evacuated, as designated on the attached map. This area to be handed over to Germany on October 1.

"(2) The evacuated territory is to be handed over in its present condition."

[Full details demand the handing over of all property, including railway stocks, wireless stations, factories stores, etc.]

"The German Government agree that a plenipotentiary representative of the Czech

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